IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
Plaintiff)	
v.)	Criminal Action No. 19-03028-01-CR-S-MDH
CHRISTINA E. GAUGER,)	1(0/1) 00020 01 01(5 1/1511
Defendant.)	
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After the United States orally moved for pretrial detention, a hearing was held in this matter pursuant to § 3142(f), Title 18, United States Code. The defendant was present personally and with her counsel Dee Wampler, attorney at law. The United States was represented by Bryon Black, Assistant United States Attorney.

An indictment has been returned alleging a violation of the Controlled Substances Act, for which there is a maximum period of imprisonment of ten years or more. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption that there are no conditions which would reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at all proceedings, as required, and the safety of other persons and/or the community. Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, there are no conditions the Court can impose that would reasonably assure the safety of other persons and/or the community.

The factors to be considered by the Court are enumerated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3142(g). Regarding the potential danger to the community, the Court notes the nature of the instant offense which includes the involvement of firearms. The Court notes defendant's criminal history which includes criminal activity while under supervision (the defendant was on

probation in Christian and Polk County, Missouri, during a portion of the alleged conduct) and Count Nine of the instant offense involves a child.

The evidence at the hearing established that beginning on September 5, 2017, and continuing until February 25, 2019, law enforcement made contact with the defendant on at least four separate occasions in which the defendant was found to be in possession of distribution amounts of methamphetamine (Counts 3, 8, and 9). As noted above, in Count Nine of the Indictment, the defendant is charged with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine on premises where an individual under the age of 18 was present or resided.

On February 25, 2019, defendant was arrested on the instant offense and was found to be in possession of a distribution amount of methamphetamine in the vehicle in which she was driving. Present in the vehicle with the defendant was at least one minor child. The Court notes safety concerns for the minor children as well as the community. In addition, the Court notes defendant's substance abuse history.

Based on all the foregoing, the Courts finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant is a danger to the community.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant be, and is hereby detained without bail.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States, or on request of an

attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court

proceeding.

IT IS SO ORDRED.

DATED: March 27, 2019

/s/ David P. Rush

DAVID P. RUSH United States Magistrate Judge

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